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**Current position and functions**

- Professor of International Law and Human Rights, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights.
- Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (2016-2028).
- Member of the Scientific Committee of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency (2023-2028).
- President, Albanian branch of the International Law Association (2014-).

**Previous main positions**

In the period July 2018 - December 2021, I  served as Head of Department of the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights. In the period 2015-2018, I served as Head of Education at the Centre, leading our Master program on human rights.

Member of the UN Human Rights Committee (CCPR, 2019-2022).

**Academic background and work experience**

I hold a bachelor's degree in law (LL.B, 2000, *cum laude*) from Tirana University School of Law, Albania, and a Master's degree (LL.M, 2002, *honorary mention*) and a PhD degree (2008) in International Law from Utrecht University School of Law, the Netherlands. My PhD research, carried out at the Netherlands Institute of Human Rights (Utrecht University) from September 2003 to September 2007, focused on the contribution of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) to interpreting and developing rules and principles of international human rights and humanitarian law.

In my career I have combined effectively academic work and the practice of international law. During the last two decades I have done research, have published and have taught in the areas of international human rights, international humanitarian law, international criminal law and public international law. I have worked at universities in the Netherlands, Albania, and Norway and have cooperated in various

projects with colleagues in universities at the Netherlands, Albania, China, the US, UK, Turkey, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Bulgaria, Greece, France, Italy, South Africa, Ethiopia, Uganda, Colombia, Palestine, and Norway.

My practice of international law includes working before international courts and tribunals and as a member of the UN Human Rights Committee (HRCttee). I have been a member of the HRCttee, that monitors the implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights during 2019-2022. Since 2016, I am a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague. I have worked for the Defence at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) for eight years (2004-2012) in two cases, namely *Prosecutor v. Limaj et al* and *Prosecutor v. Haradinaj et al*. From May 2008 to December 2012 I also acted as *pro bono* co-counsel before the ICTY for post-conviction matters on behalf of Mr Haradin Bala. Throughout 2009 I acted as legal adviser and coordinator of the Albanian legal team in the *Kosovo Declaration of Independence* case before the ICJ.
I passed the bar exam and qualified as a member of the Albanian Bar Association in 2006. With the help of US legal counsel, Professor Terry Gill and I have submitted *amicus curiae* briefs in the *Hamdan* case tried before US courts, namely the United States Court of Military Commission Review and the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

I have advised a couple of States and NGOs on international law issues.

**Main research interests and potential PhD supervision**

I have co-supervised three PhD candidates at the University of Oslo, one of whom has successfully completed her PhD program. Open to discuss research proposals and eventually supervise PhD candidates at the University of Oslo, or as external PhD supervisor. Some selected research topics I'm interested in include the role of international courts and tribunals in developing international human rights law, international humanitarian law, and international criminal law; the protection of community interests in international law; operationalization of the responsibility to protect doctrine; transitional justice processes, especially in the Balkans.

**Commissions of trust**

- Head of the Faculty-nominated PhD assessment committees at the University of Oslo for three PhD candidates (Yong Zhou, Sigrid Redse Johansen, and Luca Tosoni). Have served in six PhD assessment committees, respectively at the University of Oslo, UiT The *Arctic University of Norway*, University of Maastricht (Netherlands), and the South-East European University (North Macedonia). Have been part of institutional assessments for hiring or promotion for the universities of Oslo, Tallinn (Estonia), Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna (Italy), Pretoria (South Africa) and the University of New Hampshire, Manchester (USA).
- External academic reviewer for the US National Science Foundation; European Research Council; South African National Research Foundation; and the Dutch Research Council (NWO).

**Teaching and supervision**

I have taught courses and have supervised over 50 Master students in writing their Master theses at the Universities of Utrecht, Amsterdam, and Oslo. Currently, I am responsible for the following two courses at the UiO:

- JUR1730/JUS5730: *International Humanitarian Law (The Law of Armed Conflict)*;
- HUMR5132: *Human Rights Law in Context.*

Over the years, I have lectured in the following courses:

- JUS5912: *Legal Writing and Oral Advocacy in International Law (also led the course);* HUMR5191: *Human Rights Methodology: Research, Analysis and Thesis*; HUMR 5502: *Dealing with Diversity: Human Rights Approaches to Ethnic Conflict*; JUS5540: *Public International Law;* JUS5134: *The Right to Peace*; JUS5570: *International Criminal Law*; JUS5503: *Human Rights and Counter-Terrorism*; ISSJF4711: *Human Rights* (UiO International Summer School), since 2020 ISSJF4712 – *The Fundamentals of Human Rights.*

**Coaching of moot court teams**

I have coached the first student teams of the University of Oslo participating in three international moot courts, namely the ELSA Human Rights Moot Court, the Jean Pictet Competition and the Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition. Over the years, I have coached or co-coached students for various moot court competitions, including Jessup, Telders, Jean Pictet, Frits Kalshoven, ELSA Human Rights Moot Court, and the ICC Moot Court. The 2015 UiO Telders team got 4th place out of 24 participating teams; the 2015 UiO team participating in the ELSA Human Rights Moot Court got 6th place out of the 16 finalist teams from all over Europe; the 2022 and the 2023 UiO team participating in the Jean Pictet Competition got into the semi-finals.

**Academic reviewing and membership in editorial boards**

I have served as external academic reviewer for Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, and Intersentia. Also, I have reviewed scholarly work for various international legal and multi-disciplinary journals.

**Current**

- Member of the Board of Advisors to the Editorial Board of the Yearbook of International Humanitarian Law, (TMC Asser Institute, The Hague), since 2012.

- Member of the Advisory Board to the International Human Rights Law in Practice Series (published by Brill, edited by Professors Carcano and Scovazzi), since 2022.

**Previous**

- 2019 – 2022, Editor-in-chief of the Nordic Journal of Human Rights (**issues 37(1)-40(1)**).
- 2005 – 2010 Member of the Editorial Board of the Utrecht Law Review.

**Visits and stays abroad**

In the period September-December 2010, I was a visiting scholar at the Peking University Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (PKU Center). During that period I taught a course on International Criminal Law at the PKU Center and also gave a number of guest lectures at other universities in China. Also I had the honor to serve as a judge in the national international humanitarian law competition organized by the ICRC, the Chinese Red Cross, and Renmin University (Beijing). In May 2014, I enjoyed a brief stay as visiting scholar at the Centre for Rights and Justice of the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

**Awards and scholarships**

- **Second Prize for the 2008 Max van der Stoel Human Rights Award**, awarded in December 2008, by Tilburg University and the Netherlands School of Human Rights Research for my PhD dissertation.
- **Honorable mention for the G.J. Wiarda Prize 2008**, awarded by the Utrecht University School of Law for an article on the International Court of Justice.
- UN Scholarship, **International Law Seminar** (7-25 July 2008).
- Partial Scholarship, **Advanced Training Course in IHL for University Teachers** (organized by the Geneva Academy and the ICRC, 23 to 28 August 2010).